National Commission on Labour has been set up to suggest rationalization of existing laws relating to labour in the organized sector and evolve an umbrella legislation for ensuring a minimum level of protection to the workers in the unorganized sector.

Beedi Workers

†2012. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ascertained the number of beedi workers in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the actual number thereof;

(c) the number of beedi workers to whom identity cards have already been issued alongwith the those to whom identity cards are yet to be issued;

(d) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to conduct any survey to ascertain the exact number of beedi workers in the country; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR • (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The estimated number of beedi workers are 44.14 lakh in the country as per the information obtained from States from time to time and the number of workers to whom identity cards have been issued is as per the Statement. (See below)

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Estimated number of beedi workers and the number of beedi workers to whom identity cards have been issued

Serial Number	Name of the State	Total No. of Beedi Workers Estimated at present	No. of Identity Cards issued till Date
1	Andhra Pradesh	625050	603583
2	Assam	7725	5791
3	Bihar	391500	244847
4	Gujarat	50000	49638
5	Karnataka	360876	298395
6	Kerala	136416	112887
7	Madhya Pradesh	750000	708731
8	Maharashtra	256000	213390
9	Orissa	162656	162656
10	Rajasthan	100000	73098
11	Tripura	5000	4814
12	Tamil Nadu	620950	641188
13	Uttar Pradesh	450000	259494
14	West Bengal	497758	497758
	TOTAL:	4413931	3876270

Employment exchanges in the country

†2013. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employment exchanges functioning in the different States of the country, district-wise; and

(b) the number of educated and uneducated unemployed persons registered in all these employment exchanges during last three years and number of persons who were given employment during the same period, district-wise?

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